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RAT CARE

NUTRITION:

Rats are omnivores. They require a good quality lab block (pelleted diet) in addition to fresh fruits, vegetables and freshly cooked pastas. Most love yogurt (do not purchase with artificial sweeteners) and nuts as treats. They can also eat most human food, as long as it is not too high in fat. Seeds, peanuts and dried corn are NOT good for your pet. They should only be given as rare treats.

HEALTHCARE:

Common Illnesses: Upper Respiratory Infections, Pneumonia, Arthritis and Tumors.

- Spaying your pet aids in preventing Breast Cancer, Uterine Infections, Uterine Cancer, Ovarian Cysts and unwanted pregnancies. Spaying your pet also increases a female rat's life span by an average of 6 months.
- We recommend adopting a rat or a mouse from the local Humane Society or one of the Rat and Critter Rescues. There are so many rats and mice looking for a nice home, ask a staff member for information on how to get in touch with one of these organizations.

TAKE YOUR PET TO THE VET IMMEDIATELY IF YOU NOTICE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:

- Disorientation, spastic movements, or unconsciousness
- Heavy bleeding or bleeding that won't stop.
- Immobility – Impaired movement in any limbs or swelling of the limbs.
- Exposure to extreme hot or cold
- Foreign bodies or injury to eyes (discharge, swelling, cloudiness of lens)
- Trauma – attacked by another animal, fall, being stepped on, etc.
- Blood in mucous, stools, urine, anus or genitals
- Ingestion of poisonous material (plants, household cleaners, antifreeze)
- Gasping for breath
- Extremities turning pale or blue
- Sudden lethargy, inactivity, refusal to eat or drink.

TAKE YOUR PET THE VET ASAP IF YOU NOTICE THESE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:

- Frequent sneezing, coughing, clicking or rattling sounds in chest.
- Runny nose, eyes or porphyrin (reddish discharge) around nose or eyes or squinting
- Hunched posture
- Weight Loss
- Lumps or growths
- Hair loss, scabs, or persistent scratching
- Changes in behavior

IMPORTANT RAT AND MOUSE CARE WEBSITES:

- Any Rat Rescue, Inc.: www.anyratrescue.com
- Rodent Fancy: www.rodentfancy.com
- Rat and Mouse Club of America: www.rmca.org